

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

15 JULY 1963

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1. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. The Chinese and Soviets appear unable even to find a formula for ending their talks.

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b. The Soviets yesterday published a vindictive 35,000-word reply to the notorious Chinese letter of 14 June, which they also finally published.

c. The Soviet letter is a free-swinging attack on the most vulnerable points of the Chinese position, directly accusing the Chinese leadership of distortion, falsification, "pseudo theorizing", just plain lying, and even using "foul language."

d. Moscow for the first time accused the Chinese of organizing and supporting "various anti-party groups of renegades" in an attempt to undermine the unity of the entire world Communist movement.

e. But, by stopping short of the brink--the Soviets insist that unity is still desired and possible and still address the Chinese as "comrades--the Soviet party shows it still hopes to force Peiping to take the final step, or at least break off the talks.

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f. Much of this two-scorpions-in-a-bottle act is purely tactical, but we suspect there is also an emotional aspect: after 40 years of living Marxism-Leninism, it must be exceedingly difficult to accept a schism.

2. South Vietnam

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b. We are convinced Nhu was most critical of Diem and sought the support of the military for his own policies in exchange for more responsible positions, but are less confident that Nhu directly urged the generals to mount a coup.

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3. British Guiana

a. Duncan Sandys has made some progress in forming from the three main parties a temporary coalition government to hold office until another constitutional conference is held in London.

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d. There may yet be considerable infighting about specific ministries.

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NOTES

A. Guinea The confusion over whether Toure has decided to stop TU-114 flights to Cuba via Guinea probably reflects a major policy struggle which appears to be going on in the regime's ruling political bureau. The extreme left seems to be trying to make an issue of this in an effort to reverse Toure's movement toward the West. Even if Toure wins out, as our embassy thinks probable, he may have to make other concessions which will slow the trend away from the bloc.

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Haiti Radio Haiti announced yesterday afternoon that Clement Barbot, his brother and others were killed in a fire fight yesterday morning.

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C. India

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D. Ecuador Ambassador Bernbaum tells us that the junta has been accepted with enthusiasm by the parties of the right and with tolerance by the parties of the democratic left. The Communists apparently have been forced to abandon their plans for mass demonstrations and a general strike. The junta has declared its intention to return the nation to an electoral civilian government by mid-1964 rather than 1965 as previously announced.

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E. Iraq - Soviet Bloc

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